

## E443: Identification Hadamard rotation of spin 1/2

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### The problem:

Given a particle of spin 1/2 let's define the next operation (in the standard basis):

$$R = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (1) Operating R on the up state. What will be the polarization direction?
- (2) Operating R on the down state. What will be the polarization direction?
- (3) What is the rotation angle represented by R?

It is possible to realize R at the lab by operating magnetic field for 1 sec. At this time the Hamiltonian is of the form of  $H = h \cdot \sigma + c$ .

- (4) Decide the direction and the size of the magnetic field h.
- (5) Decide the value of the constant c.

### The solution:

- (1) By operating R on the up state, we get:

$$R|\uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle)$$

- (2) By operating R on the down state, we get:

$$R|\downarrow\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\rangle - |\downarrow\rangle)$$

- (3) We can see the R matrix as the rotation matrix multiplying by a phase factor: Thus we will compare them.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sigma_x + \sigma_z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1, 0, 1) \cdot (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z) = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma} = e^{i\alpha} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{\Phi}{2}\right) \hat{1} - i \sin\left(\frac{\Phi}{2}\right) \cdot \sigma_n \right]$$

One can see from the equation

$$\cos\left(\frac{\Phi}{2}\right) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Phi = \pi$$

$$e^{i\alpha} \cdot \left(-i \sin\left(\frac{\Phi}{2}\right)\right) = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

- (4)+(5) After 1 sec the evolution operator is equal to R.

Thus we will compare them.

$$U(\hat{t}) = e^{-i\hat{H}t} = e^{-i(h \cdot \sigma + c)t}$$

$$U(t = 1 \text{ sec}) = e^{-i\hat{h} \cdot \sigma} \cdot e^{-ic} = R = e^{i\alpha} \cdot e^{-\frac{i\Phi\sigma}{2}}$$

Derive from the comparison:

$$c = -\alpha = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\hat{h} = |h| \cdot \hat{n}$$

$$|\hat{h}| = \frac{\pi}{2}, \hat{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 0, 1)$$